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The **Australian Association of Gerontology** is the lead and host organisation with administrative responsibilities for ILC-Australia. AAG is represented by **Dr Helen Barrie** (President) and **Mr James Beckford Saunders** (CEO).

ILC-AUSTRALIA Head: Professor Julie Byles, Director, Research Centre for Generational Health and Ageing

Other ILC-Australia representatives: Tonye Segbedzi (Senior Policy Officer) Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG); **Sophie Mephram** (Customer, Policy and Research Manager) and **Aaron Wylie** (Research Project Officer), Benetas; **Christine Morka** (General Manager) and **Helen Kimberly** (Principal Researcher) Brotherhood of St Laurence; **Hal Kendig** ARC Centre of Excellence for Population Ageing (CEPAR); **Sue McGrath**, National Policy Manager at Council on the Ageing (COTA); **Yvonne Wells**, Head, Lincoln Centre for Research on Ageing, La Trobe University; **Colette Browning** (Director) and **Dianne Goeman** (Senior Research Fellow) Royal District Nursing Service Research Institute; **Debra O'Connor** (Executive Manager/ Deputy Director) and **Briony Dow**, National Ageing Research Institute (NARI); **Ruth Williams**, Academic Convenor of the Hallmark Ageing Research Initiative, University of Melbourne; **Meredith Tavener**, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Research Centre for Generational Health and Ageing (RCGHA), University of Newcastle.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS:

Wellbeing at The Landings. Julie Byles, Colette Browning. This project has been developed in partnership with the residents of The Landings retirement community, and involves an activity based wellbeing program. It is hoped that the health promotion program can be expanded to other retirement villages.

Ageing in China and Australia: Promoting health, productivity and wellbeing. Funded by the Australian Research Council. Hal Kendig, Colette Browning, Julie Byles. This project investigates life-span development, social change and health in China, and the development of policies to support people entering later life.

Australian Community of Practice in Research in Dementia. Colette Browning, Di Goeman, Julie Byles. This NHMRC funded project involves multi-disciplinary research to enable better care for people with dementia.

EVENTS:

House and Home – Built Environments for Ageing Well. Symposium at International Federation of Ageing – Brisbane
21-23 June 2016. Julie Byles
Helen Feist Yvonne W

2016 COTA National Policy Forum - 21 July 2016: reframing primary healthcare for older Australians.

The National Ageing Research Institute (NARI) and the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) held a roundtable discussion to develop **a research agenda for older people from CALD backgrounds** 10th March 2016. See <http://www.nari.net.au/news-and-events/news-from-nari/roundtable-improve-ageing-experience-older-cald-australians>

In April, NARI hosted a **roundtable into elder abuse**, in conjunction with Seniors' Rights Victoria. See: <http://www.nari.net.au/news-and-events/news-from-nari/elder-abuse-roundtable>

RDNS Institute held an inaugural research **Showcase Event** (29 September) and launch of the Institute Report 2016. <https://www.rdns.com.au/research/research-events/>

AAG held a forum Review of Aged Care: What are the data saying? 29 September 2016
<http://www.aag.asn.au/events/event/review-of-aged-care-reforms-what-are-the-data-saying>

AAG webinars. <http://www.aag.asn.au/news-publications/past-webinar-recordings/past-webinar-recordings>

Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health 20 year Scientific Meeting: Reaping the Benefits. 3-6 May 2016. Hunter Medical Research Institute Australia. www.ilc-alliance.org/index.php/news/news_post/longitudinal_data_from_the_australian_longitudinal_study_on_womens_health

15th National Conference of Emerging Researchers in Ageing "Pathways to Ageing Well" 31 October- 1 November: sponsored by CEPAR and hosted by the Centre for Research on Ageing, Health & Wellbeing at the Australian National University, Canberra.

AAG 49th National Conference 2-4 November 2016. The conference theme, “**Capitalising on the Ageing Dividend: Re-imagining Our Future**”, asked delegates to reflect on and re-imagine the incredible potential of our ageing society, now and into the future <http://www.aag.asn.au/national-conference/2016-conference-program-abstracts-and-presentations>

ADVOCACY and POLICY - SUBMISSIONS:

- AAG submission to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into retirement housing
- AAG and NARI submissions to the Medical Research Future Fund Priorities

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS 2016

- **Work Retirement and Health: A brief directory of Australian Research. Prepared on behalf of the International Longevity Centre - Australia** https://www.newcastle.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/282461/ILC-Australia-retirement-and-health-scoping-project-2016.pdf
- **RADAR – The Regional Australia Database for Ageing Research** has been developed by the **ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR)** using the most recent national data from the ABS 2011 Census of Population and Housing. It is a user-friendly interactive tool for accessing a wide range of demographic and economic indices relevant to population and ageing research from national through to regional levels. <http://www.cepar.edu.au/radar>
- **Journal of Population Ageing** Volume 9, Issue 1-2, June 2016 **Life Course Influences on Inequalities in Later Life: Comparative Perspectives** Issue Editors: Hal Kendig, James Nazroo <http://link.springer.com/journal/12062/9/1/page/1>
- **INDEX OF WELLBEING FOR OLDER AUSTRALIANS** launched by the Benevolent Society and the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM). The index can be downloaded at: <http://www.benevolent.org.au/think/index--of--wellbeing--for--older--australians>
- **Directory of Research on Ageing in Africa** prepared by Paul Kowal (WHO) and Julie Byles (ILC-Australia) for the Population Studies Branch, Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations. http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/publications/pdf/ageing/Dir_Research_Ageing_Africa_%202004-2015.pdf
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ILC AUSTRALIA MEETINGS: 11 April 2015, Face-to-face 21 June 2016 and 4 November 2016

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